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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: XENRG, IS
SUBJECT: GULFOF SUEZ NAUTICAL CHART AND OIL EXPLORATION

REF: STATE 307884

1. AS RESULT OF OUR REQUEST TO THE ISRAELI NAVY FOR THE
INFORMATION LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFERENCED TELEGRAM,
ALUSNA MET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE,
CAPT. XELY LEVY, WHO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. THE ISRAELI MEDIAN LINE IN THE GULF OF SUEZ IS DELINEATED
BY A LINE CONNECTING THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC POINTS:

28-31.6N	33-16.8E
28-27N	33-10.5E
28-14.3N	33-22.8E
28-16.5N	33-26.8E
28-08.7N	33-32.8E
28-07.6N	33-30.6E
28-00.3N	33-37.1E
27-44.2N	33-50.0E
27-37.1N	34-02.6E

B. THE IDFN USES ADMIRALTY CHARTS NO. 2374, GULF OF
SUEZ, AND NO. 2375, STRATIS OF GUBAL.

C. THERE IS NO DATUM PER SE FROM WHICH THE POINTS
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ARE MEASURED. BECAUSE OF THE IRREGULARITY OF THE COAST
AND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A LINE THAT IS PRACTICAL TO WORK
WITH, THE IDFN HAS PLOTTED STRAIGHT LINES, ESSENTIALLY
IN THE CENTER AND DIVIDING THE GULF OF SUEZ EQUALLY, WITH
EXCEPTION OF DEVIATION TO EAST OF MORGAN OIL FIELD.

2. ON JANUARY 2 THE ISRAELI DNI INFORMED ALUSNA THAT

FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS THE SURVEY SHIP WESTERN BEACH
HAD BEEN CROSSING THE ISRAELI MEDIAN LINE DURING APPARENT
SEISMOLOGICAL OPERATIONS, THE DNI SAID THAT IDFN HAD
NOT DONE ANYTHING ABOUT IT EXCEPT WATCH BECAUSE THEY WERE
MAKING THE ASSUMPTION THAT "NAVIGATIONAL ERRORS" WERE
THE REASON FOR THE INCURSIONS. HOWEVER, HE WANTED US TO
KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING SO THAT "WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED
IF SOMETHING MORE SERIOUS DEVELOPED." HE DID NOT ELABORATE
FURTHER.
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